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### REMARKS

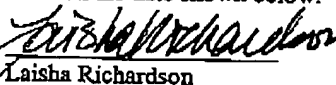
In the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") was indicated. The Notice stated that claims 1-18, which were previously canceled, were not indicated as being cancelled, and thus failed to provide a complete listing of the claims. The present amendment indicates that claims 1-18 are cancelled, providing a complete listing of the claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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